

**SENEGALIA ARISTEGUIETANA (L. CÁRDENAS) SEIGLER & EBINGER (FABACEAE: MIMOSOIDEAE): AN UNCOMMON SPECIES OF CENTRAL AMERICA AND NORTHERN SOUTH AMERICA**

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**ABSTRACT**

A new combination is made in *Senegalia*: *Senegalia aristeguietana* (L. Cárdenas) Seigler & Ebinger, based on *Acacia aristeguietana* L. Cárdenas, *Ernstia* 2(1-2):31. 1992. We have collections from southern Mexico (Chiapas), Honduras, Panama, Colombia and Venezuela. A detailed description of the taxon is given. *Phytologia* 94(2): 276-279 (August 1, 2012).

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During our studies of *Acacia* s. l. in the New World, we found a few specimens that we originally thought represented a new species in the genus *Senegalia*. Recently we discovered that this entity had already been described by Cárdenas (1992) as a member of the genus *Acacia* from a single state in Venezuela. The name proposed by Cárdenas (1992), *Acacia aristeguietana* fits, in all distinguishing characteristics, the specimens that we had originally considered to represent a new species. Unfortunately, when we examined the Kew isotype of this species, we erroneously synonymized it with *Senegalia polyphylla* (DC.) Britton & Rose (Seigler et al. 2006). The new combination is made below along with a detailed species description, specimens examined, and discussion of the probable relationship of this taxon to closely related species.